



## \$1000 Charitable Match Opportunity for the Clan Henderson Society Scholarship Fund

One of our members has made a very generous offer to match member contributions to the Scholarship Fund. If members will contribute \$1000, he will match that sum with a \$1000 of his own. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated – It is Tax Deductible.

There are two ways to give: Credit Card: Send an email to Mark Henderson (VP Members) at hendo28@comcast.net . In your email indicate that you want to contribute to the Scholarship Match Program, and indicate how much you want to give. He will send you an invoice that includes a link to use your credit card. It will deposit the money directly into the CHS account. It is safe and secure, and you'll get an immediate receipt for your records.

Check: Make your check out to Clan Henderson Society. In the memo section indicate CHS Scholarship. Mail to: Carol Martin, Clan Henderson Society Treasurer, 96 Cross Rd., Clarksburg, MA 01247.

Thank you for your continued support to our Society. Your contribution will greatly assist our youth via our academic scholarships, and our scholarships to promote Scottish and Celtic heritage through the arts.



At the AGM it was decided that there will be a **December 5 Ceilidh** social event. Scheduled for 2 hours starting at 6pm EDT. Regional Commissioners, let your members know. Bring your own food and "share".

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89823115742?pwd=dWtzRTZnL21sd3JTbjU5eXNpVG0rZz09> Meeting ID: 898 2311 5742 Passcode: 020191

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**For something that is liable to make you cry, as it did me, just visit *You Tube* and type in "Old Glory". Spoken by Evangelo Morris.**

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# The new CHS award is named! Order of MacEanruig wins by a hair!

Mark Henderson VP Members

As wildly unbelievable as this may sound...the vote on what to call the new MacEanruig award was almost too close to call.

However, the votes have been counted and out of 7 people eligible to vote, "Order of MacEanruig" won over "MacEanruig League" by a count of 12-2 with some 444 votes still being counted and 5 in court.

Medals will be distributed to all Chief's Prize winners (1992-present) once the Executive Committee formally ratifies the Resolutions approved



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SEQUENTIAL ENGRAVED NUMBERING

at the AGM. This should be in the next few weeks,

There are an additional 12 candidates pending consideration. As per the resolution, Order of MacEanruig members may not exceed 37 active members in 2020.

This is what the badge looks like (See above right). Sequential number will start with the 1992 Chief's prize awardee (#002--Janeil Henderson) and move forward from there. FYI: (#001) is being held in abeyance, should the Order ever decide to vote the Chief in.

## AGM Silent Auction raises \$1126 for Youth Scholarships

Steve Henderson, VP Ops & Silent Auction Manager

The Clan Henderson Society Silent Auction was very successful. Only 15 CHS members made various bids during the one-week-long auction; 11 members actually made the high bids for the donated items in the auction. When all monies have been received for the items bought, CHS will have made \$1126.00 to contribute to youth scholarships.

The canvas clan tote garnered eight bids before it sold. A vintage piece of jewelry also was

highly popular with four bids. A large array of men's clothing was sought after by three bidders. The highest final bid was for a Kilt Kit, and it was the only bid for that item. A donated Tam O'Shanter and a donated sporran were two of the higher bids made. After one week of bids being made via email, 11 CHS members were the winners of donated items.

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# President's Quarterly Message

## Leon Hicks

*Clan Henderson Society  
President*

### The State of the Society

This year's first-ever, online Annual General Meeting was a great success. There were a few technical "hiccups", but overall it was a very enlightening, informative experience. As I have mentioned before, one of the benefits of the pandemic has been the impetus for us to expand our horizons and incorporate new technologies that enable us to communicate more widely and, in many cases, more effectively. Special thanks go out to Mark Henderson who, more than anyone, provided the leadership to make it happen, as well as North East Commissioner Barbara Pamboukes who provided leadership in establishing the agenda and Ron Henderson who provided the technical assistance to bring it all together. Thanks, guys!!!

Now, as for the state of the society, the Clan Henderson Society is on very sound financial footing. According to our Society's Treasurer, Carol Martin, our strict adherence to the budget plus the creative efforts of many Society members to raise funds for our scholarship and other charitable giving, have greatly enhanced our balance sheet. This year has been a bit of a challenge in that we are not able to recruit new members as quickly as we are losing active members. Nevertheless, the Society continues to thrive and meet its obligations and goals.

Regarding the various programs and activi-

ties within the Society, we have never been more active or productive. The various historical programs we have initiated are beginning to show great promise for providing an excellent repository for scholarship on notable/influential Hendersons, family stories, the Society's history, genealogy and archiving. Likewise, we have made great progress in promoting studies in Scottish and Celtic arts such as music and dancing and also encourage participation in Scottish Highland athletics. We have greatly leveraged technology to help with organizing online social events as well as collaboration on business-related issues vital to the society such as strategic planning, corporate outreach and policy.

The AGM resulted in three major decisions being made.

First was the selection of officers for the next two years. They are unchanged from the last two years.

Secondly, the AGM approved the rewrite of the bylaws that our membership can review on our website at [clanhendersonsociety.com](http://clanhendersonsociety.com).

Thirdly, the AGM approved the rewrite of the resolution creating the Fordell Society, a charitable not-for-profit organization established to assist with major donations and estate giving that will be managed in a manner to generate growth of its assets.

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**Leon Hicks**



## AGM Silent Auction a success, continued from page 2

With checks and mailing addresses received from buyers during the last week of October, all donated items bought during the silent auction were mailed to those buyers. Persons who donated the sold items received email notices about the amount their items achieved and they could have a small tax deduction for 2020, based on these sales.

Therefore, this Silent Auction was a small event during the week of the CHS Executive Board ZOOM meeting on 17 October and the AGM

ZOOM activities on 24 October. CHS members made donations and other CHS members bought items up for bid during the Silent Auction. All monetary donations associated with this auction and those other donations inspired by our efforts during the auction are designated for Youth Scholarships offered by Clan Henderson Society.

Steve Henderson, VP-Ops of CHS and Silent Auction Manager - 717-404-8014

# Silent Auction



## Clan Henderson's Holiday Ceilidh, continued from page 1

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Regarding the latter, if you are a financial advisor and/or have experience handling or developing financial strategies, we will very much appreciate your contacting us.

There are several other resolutions the Executive Board will be reviewing and acting upon shortly. These are posted on the website for our members to review. The Society owes a great debt of gratitude to our VP of Legal Affairs, Vincent Henderson, for the tremendous support rewriting the By-Laws and the various resolutions.

During the meeting, one of the member attendees made a very generous charitable offer of a \$1000 match for contributions made to the Scholarship Fund. If you would like to participate in this match, please email Mark Henderson at <hendo28@comcast.net>. Tell him in the email how much you'd like to contribute, and he'll send you an invoice that will allow you to contribute securely online.

Finally, there was the announcement that Joe Henderson, Counselor Emeritus to the South Pacific Region and former Regional Commissioner, has been awarded the Chief's Prize for his outstanding support of the Society. It is my sincere wish that all of you who know Joe will reach out to him and express your personal congratulations. We thank Suzanne Emerson for representing the Society Leadership Team at a special recognition ceremony in Joe's honor.

The Society owes a great debt of gratitude to all those who participated and contributed to a wonderful three-day online extravaganza. The presentations on Strategic Planning, Corporate Outreach, Genealogy, DNA research, and a Kirking of the Tartan were extremely well done. Fifty-one Society members attended the AGM; this may have set an all-time record.

Next year's 2021 Annual General Meeting will be held in Glasgow, Kentucky. Clan Henderson will be the honoured Clan at this event. Please check this event out online and plan to join us June 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>. The following year, 2022, we will meet at Bitterroot, Montana.

# A VIRTUAL AGM

Sue Hoffman, Secretary

2020 has been a year of postponements and, ultimately cancellations, for most of the Scottish Events and Festivals around the country, including our own Annual Meeting. After much discussion and research, it was determined that we could legally and technically hold a virtual AGM. Thanks to VP Mark Henderson and Barbara Pamboukes, a full weekend of virtual events, discussions and lectures were scheduled for October 23 – 25, 2020.

The Annual Meeting took place Saturday, October 24, 2020, beginning at 4:30 p.m. EDT.

One of the highlights of the meeting was the election of officers for a term of two years beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2022.

Those officers are President Leon Hicks, Vice President Operations Steve Henderson, Vice President Members Mark Henderson, Vice President General Counsel Vincent Henderson, Vice President Genealogy/DNA LaRhee Henderson, Treasurer Carol Martin, and Secretary Sue Hoffman.

The membership also voted to accept the *By-laws of the Clan Henderson Society, Incorporated* and a *Resolution to Authorize the Creation and Operation of the Fordell Foundation and Repeal a Certain Resolution approved at the Annual General Meeting in Ligonier, PA, September 14, 2019.*

It was a very successful and well-planned event.

I send a great "Big Thank You" to the planners, lecturers, moderators for all their time and hard work putting it together for us. Although it didn't completely fulfill the needs of human contact and camaraderie that we are all missing, it was good to get the face time to reconnect with our Henderson 'cousins'.





# TWO FAMOUS HENDERSONS IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

Rob Winters

*By no means is this article meant to ignore the contributions and sacrifices of all Hendersons (by affiliated name), men and women alike, of our Clan that have served or are serving in the United States Marine Corps since November 10, 1775 or the Navy Hospital Corpsmen assigned to serve with their sister and brother Marines. Instead it is meant to briefly focus on two Marines whose contributions live on in the history of the Corps.*

**Archibald Henderson** was born on January 17, 1783 in Colchester, Fairfax County, Virginia to mother Sarah Moore and father Alexander Henderson, a wealthy merchant who ran his business out of Henderson House, Dumfries, Virginia.

Alexander was born in Glasgow, Scotland, immigrated to Virginia in 1753, served in the Virginia militia during the American Revolution and later opened a number of branch stores in other cities.

Some historians consider Alexander to be the 'father of chain stores.'

Young Archibald enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1801 at the age of eighteen; in the stirring words of the *Marine Hymn* he was to serve 'From the

halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli...'

During the First Barbary War, First Lieutenant Presley O'Bannon led a detachment of Marines and sailors into Tripoli and the battle of Derna in 1805 and became the first American to raise the flag of the United States over foreign soil in time of war. That was the 'shores of Tripoli.'

A year later, on June 4, 1806 Archibald Henderson was commissioned as a second lieutenant of Marines.

The War of 1812 found him serving as an officer of the Marine detachment aboard *U.S.S. Constitution*.

In 1814 he was brevetted a Major.

In September 1818 he was appointed Acting Commandant of the Marine Corps serving in that capacity until March 1819.

Nineteen months later he was appointed as the Commandant of the Marine Corps with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He was to remain Commandant for thirty-eight of the fifty-three years he served in the Corps, the longest-serving Commandant ever.

Archibald was promoted to full Colonel in

*Happy Belated Birthday*



**...to the United States Marine Corps! Semper Paratus**

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## Two Famous Hendersons, continued from page 6

1834.

He led Marines, soldiers, and sailors into the field in Florida and Georgia.

His exploits as a commander and Commandant were rewarded with a brevet promotion to Brigadier General in 1843.

Two years later his Marines went to the 'Halls of Montezuma' during the War with Mexico (1845-46).

He died in January 1859 at the age of 76.

In July 1916 a troop transport (AP-1) was commissioned the *Colonel Archibald Henderson* but, in the Second World War, it was converted into a hospital ship.

Another 'Henderson Marine' of note was **Major Lofton R. Henderson.**

Beginning in 1939 and continuing through 1940 and 1941, the Japanese Empire was expanding its power and territory by conquering much of the Western and Southern Pacific under the 'Greater Asia Co-Prosperity Scheme.'

With war looming on the horizon the United States decided to strengthen its presence in the Pacific in places like Wake Island, the Territory of Hawaii, and the Philippines but of supreme strategic importance was the tiny speck of coral known as Midway Island.

Air travel for passengers was in its infancy prior to 1942 with regularly scheduled flights from China, Japan, and the Philippines to Hawaii and the United States and vice-versa using PBY *Catalina* flying boats which had both civilian and military applications.

There was a problem however; the aircraft of those days did not have the range of modern aircraft. They needed to refuel and so the island of 'Midway' was chosen for a joint military-civilian 'flying boat' station.

Midway was a key as it could be a valuable

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The author of the above article considered himself privileged to have served as a Marine rifleman in 1970 and in a later assignment as a Naval Reservist to a Marine Corps Reserve unit as an FMF Corpsman. Semper Fi!

He writes, "June 4<sup>th</sup> is my birthday and I was born ten years after Major Henderson sacrificed his life for our nation. And as a side note, on November 10<sup>th</sup>, the Marine Corps celebrated its 245<sup>th</sup> Birthday! Semper Fidelis!

# Ask me about

## Clan Henderson Society's



## Scholarship Program



asset to a Japanese invasion of the Hawaiian Islands which, themselves, were a jumping off point for an invasion of the West Coast of the United States. On December 7, 1941 Japanese Naval Air Forces attacked the U.S. Naval fleet at Pearl Harbor with the idea of crippling our sea power in the Pacific. The Japanese were particularly seeking to destroy our aircraft carriers and accompanying cruiser-destroyer screening/escort forces.

However our Naval Air Forces were at sea and thus our battleships became the targets.

With the fall of Wake Island and the Philippines, the island of Midway remained as the strongest strategic and defensive point for our interests in the Pacific. Therefore the decision to reinforce the island, particularly with air assets, was well-founded. Both sides realized the strategic importance of Midway and the Japanese arrayed a large naval force to invade and garrison the island with 5000 troops and naval and air forces for protection.

To defend Midway were four B-26 *Marauders* and seventeen B-17 *Flying Fortress* bombers of the Army Air Forces; six Navy *Avenger* torpedo bombers and thirty-one PBV-5 *Catalina* (flying boats mostly used in scouting/courier roles but also capable of launching torpedoes, bombs, and depth charges), and eleven Navy motor torpedo (PT) boats.

Marine air and ground forces consisted of Marines of the 6<sup>th</sup> Defense Battalion; Companies C and D, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Raider Battalion; and MAG (Marine Air Group)-22, consisting of VMF (Marine Fighter Squadron)-221 with twenty Brewster *Buffalo* and seven Grumman *Wildcat* fighters and VMSB (Marine Scout/Bomber Squadron)-241 with seventeen *Vindicator* dive bombers and nineteen *Dauntless* dive bombers.

The Commanding Officer of VMSB-241 was Major Lofton Russell Henderson, USMC.

Major Henderson was born in 1903 in the city of Lorain, Ohio. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1926 and was later rated as a Naval Aviator.

He served in a variety of duties around the globe including China, Nicaragua and Central America in the 'Banana Wars,' several Caribbean stations, and three U.S. Navy carriers – the *Langley*, the *Ranger*, and the *Saratoga*.

When invasion of Midway seemed imminent he was transferred to the island and arrived on April 20, 1942 to take command of VMSB-241.

As noted earlier this was a dive bomber squadron and used both *Vindicators* and *Dauntless* aircraft.

Major Henderson had his hands full with his new squadron.

He divided his aircraft turning over the *Vindicators* to his executive officer, Major Benjamin Norris, USMC and retaining the *Dauntless* aircraft and overall command. Matters were to get worse; all of his aircraft were *dive*

*bombers* and many of his pilots (including ten who arrived on May 26<sup>th</sup>) were untrained in dive bombing techniques; some had never flown either types of aircraft, and aircraft fuel was in short supply so flight training was nearly impossible.

However, being a Marine and a Henderson led the new commander to make the best of what he had at hand. He decided on using 'glide-bombing' as an alternative to dive-bombing; this was a more dangerous attack as the shallow angle of attack placed the aircraft in range of enemy guns for a much longer period.

The fleet commander, Admiral Chester

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Nimitz, knew the Japanese target was Midway despite a Japanese deceptive feint at the Aleutian island chain. Therefore he gambled his fleet on being able to ambush the Japanese strike force before they could land their troops with air cover from four fleet carriers; the *Akagi*, the *Soryu*, the *Kaga*, and the *Hiryu*.

These four carriers along with two others had been the ones that destroyed the American fleet at Pearl Harbor – these would be the targets of the Americans who would press home their attacks with a vengeance.

On June 4<sup>th</sup> the Japanese launched their aircraft with the primary target being Midway; although they had concerns about the location of the U.S. carriers they believed they could successfully attack Midway with the surprise and success as at Pearl Harbor; it was not to be.

Given the air raid warning Marine, Navy, and Army pilots began taking off to defend the island; Henderson's planes were in the air by six-thirty a.m. and were looking for their primary targets, the Japanese carriers.

They found one and Henderson and his sixteen planes pounced on *Hiryu*.

Despite the ferocity of their attack, it was unsuccessful; no hits were scored on *Hiryu* and few of our aircraft survived.

Eyewitnesses indicated that despite overwhelming enemy fighters attacking the squadron leader's plane in groups of three and four at a time, Major Henderson pressed home his attack and was last seen diving at the enemy carrier, his left wing fully on fire; his gunner/radioman Private First Class Lee Reininger was seen grinning and still fending off the Zeroes as the doomed plane continued to attack.

They were not seen again.

Both were listed as Missing in Action – Presumed Dead, and on June 5, 1943 they were declared Killed in Action as of June 4, 1942, precisely 136 years after Archibald Henderson was commissioned as a second lieutenant of Marines.

On November 10, 1942 (the 167<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the Marine Corps) the Secretary of the Navy approved the award of the Navy Cross, second only to the Medal of Honor, to Major Henderson posthumously; PFC Reininger was awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross.

The citation for Major Henderson reads in part... *"With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Major Henderson, with keen judgment and courageous aggressiveness in the face of strong enemy fighter opposition, led his squadron in an attack which contributed materially to the defeat of the enemy...."*

On August 4, 1945 the U.S.S. *Lofton R. Henderson* (DD-785) a *Gearing*-class destroyer was commissioned.

Too late to serve during the Second World War it nevertheless continued excellent service in the United States Navy, participating in the invasion force

at Inchon, Korea in September 1950 and sharing a Navy Unit Commendation. *Henderson* earned eight battle stars during three tours in Korea. In August 1964 *Henderson* began the first of seven tours on 'Yankee Station' off the coast of Vietnam participating in numerous gunfire support missions and escorting Navy aircraft carriers prosecuting the Vietnam War; she earned seven battle stars for her Vietnam service.

She was finally transferred to the Naval Reserve Force and served as a training ship home ported in Long Beach CA until 1980.

She then served another twenty-one years in the Navy of a friendly foreign nation.







# DETECTIVE WORK

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Dorothy Henderson

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There are many reasons families are apart. Some people have had an unpleasant experience with a relative. Perhaps someone has said or done something that makes it impossible to remain in contact with each other. The son of my niece's Girl Scout leader came home to his mother, for his father's funeral, and told her "You always liked the girls more than me", then rushed back home to the west coast, as far away from his parents as possible.

Others have no interest in family ties or genealogy in general. They don't care whether they know their unknown relatives and are happy with the ones they know.

Most of the people who leave the family do so because of social and economic reasons. Consider the famous politician whose family switched religions when they came to the United States. Then, too, the person who grew up in that part of Newark, New Jersey where the Portuguese immigrants lived, who changed his name so that he wasn't Portuguese any longer.

I have two relatives who lived with their families and lived other lives at work. The secret of success was to live above One Hundred and Tenth Street.

This article is about members of my extended family who, for any of these reasons, left the family and how their children, or descendants, managed to return.

There are so many things that we have no

control over.

People are born looking differently and we can't change that. They may choose to change their lives and move on to a new life. Those who move in a different direction don't tell their children of the decision they have made and the children grow up not knowing their true background. Some of them want to know the truth and, with help of DNA, it is now possible.

That is exactly what happened in my family. Recently I heard from a relative who is the grandchild of a cousin who left the family. After she heard a rumour about her family background, her brother tested his DNA. The test confirmed the rumour they were related to us in some way. She began exploring the genealogical charts available on the Internet and got in touch with some of the people listed there.

A cousin who lives in England, whom I have never met, but write often on things genealogical, referred her to me. Since then we have carried on a lengthy correspondence, filling in the missing spaces in her knowledge of the past.

She is fortunate that I am old enough to have actually known her grandfather. I have pictures of him, her grandmother and two of their four children.

Fifteen years ago, the cousin of another family member decided that he wanted to see if he could find his missing family. Although he lives in The Netherlands, his family had moved from Barbados to Surinam and he had a few old letters. Their

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Hello Clan Henderson Society Members! For those of you homeschooling, consider including lessons about Scotland

My name is Jennifer and I'm from North Carolina. I'm a former Highland dance competitor which was my introduction to my lifelong passion for the preservation of Scottish culture and traditions.

I started a nonprofit (Highland Echoes) with a mission to reach more of the youth with engaging Scottish cultural programs.

We are working in schools with a program called Scotland In The Class and it's working quite well! It engages students in Scottish culture and traditions in their elementary school classroom or at home in their distant learning programs AND it is being adopted by teachers in many communities.

If you would like to learn more about how to bring Scotland In The Class to your communities, I put together a short video explaining the program at the link here: <https://jenniferlicko.kartra.com/>

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#### **Detective Work, continued from page 10**

family had come to the United States. After a lengthy search of telephone records, mail, and cemeteries, he found me.

I had grown up knowing his family and could direct him to them. Since then, he has made two trips to the United States and some of the people here have made trips to Europe. He has found many relatives and all of them now know of each other. Most of them are happy that he has found them. Since he is a scholar, he has produced a 180 page book of relatives which grows with each birth.

**HAPPY**  
*anniversary*



Bruce A. Henderson wrote,  
"Forty-five years ago  
today (August 30<sup>th</sup>)

Dawn and I said, 'I Do!  
and we are still doing it!  
Happy Anniversary Dawn,  
I love you more today  
than I did back then."

Love, Bruce



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Shopping Amazon any other way is just throwing money away. Every penny helps.

Staci Simpson





# Scottish Wildcat *Kitten Rescue!*

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Wildcat Haven, United Kingdom

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It has been an eventful time. We were recently contacted by a couple in the central Highlands who had rescued a weak, dehydrated and almost hypothermic kitten during the recent storms. Our team has considerable veterinary and wildlife rehabilitation experience, so we advised them what to do and also, of course, to get the kitten to the nearest vet immediately, which they duly did. The vet sexed the cat as male and estimated it to be only 4 weeks old. The couple who rescued the kitten felt that this was definitely not a domestic kitten and so, once out of immediate danger, we received pictures. We were astonished, first at the beauty but then as we got more pictures, by the clear and striking wildcat markings. The body striping is amazing, the dorsal stripe stops at the base of the tail, the tail is ringed and there are clear head stripes. Its important to say that a cat can only be fully pelage (coat marking) scored at about 6 months of age but, even at this age, it is showing extremely strong wildcat signature markings.

We went to assess the cat in person and we were very honoured that the couple who found the kitten wanted to place it in our care, as they felt Wildcat Haven would give the cat the best chance



of returning to the wild. They were clear that they did not want to condemn the cat to a lifetime in a cage. Therefore, we accepted the kitten into our care.

It is clear to us that this is no ordinary kitten both in appearance and behaviour and it seems highly probable that this cat will pass the threshold for what constitutes a wildcat. You will be able to see this for yourself as we provide videos and pictures in the coming days.

The couple who found him had called him 'Finlay' and we think that is a wonderful name and



very appropriate as it means 'fair warrior' in Gaelic.

Finlay is such a remarkable find and whilst we are deeply concerned at what happened to his mother and siblings (we can only fear the worst as a mother wildcat would never leave her 4 week old kittens), we are now working towards returning Finlay back to the wild where he belongs. He has the potential to be so important to the future survival of the Scottish wildcat and we owe a massive thanks to the compassion and care of the couple who found him and undoubtedly saved his life.

Once we catch our breath we will start providing regular updates. He is mesmerising to watch,

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I invite you to share this with members or your organization.

Thanks!

Jennifer

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# Céad Míle Fáilte

**NEW  
MEMBER**

## One Hundred Thousand Welcomes!

Even in this time of Covid 19, the Clan Henderson Society is proud and honoured to welcome brand new members from around the USA.

Mark Henderson, Vice President of Members, joins the entire CHS in welcoming from the Central Region, Carole Cox- Arzani of Adel, Iowa and Josh Hagan of Omaha, Nebraska.

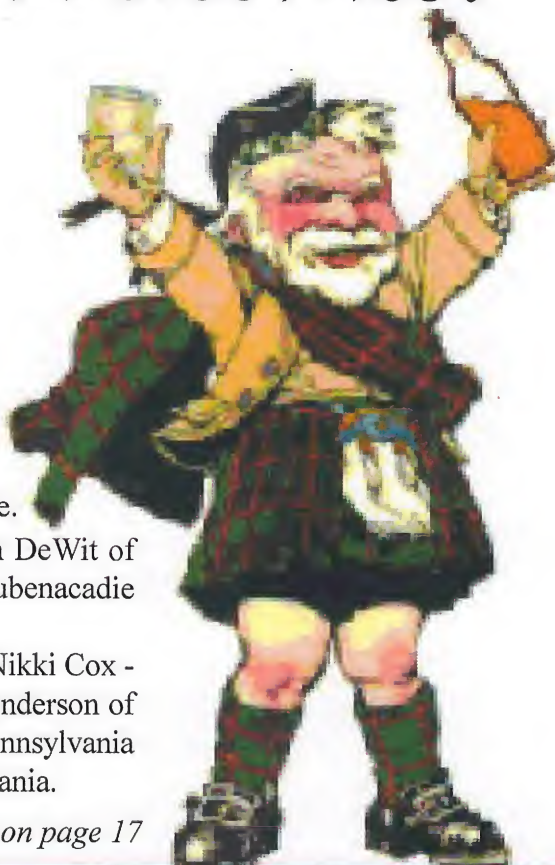
The Great Lakes Region welcomes Tacia Bethel of O'Fallon, Illinois.

We have three "Independent" members this time.

Kevin Ganz of Niederglatt, CH, Switzerland; Susan DeWit of Cochrane, AB, Canada; and Judy MacTaggart of Shubenacadie East, Nova Scotia, Canada.

The Mid East CHS Region is delighted to have Nikki Cox - Arzani of Gloucester, Virginia; Timothy Andrew Henderson of Stafford, Virginia; Melanie Sandrock of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Pearl Lindy Wardell of Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania.

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**New Members! When you get your new kilt or kilted skirt in one of the Henderson tartans, don't forget to have it "christened" at the Henderson Clan tent at the next Highland Games you attend. Your garment will simply be annointed with a bit of the "water of life."**

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# Pin Awards this time

Mark Henderson, Vice President of Members, announces the awards for CHS longevity for this issue of *An Canach*.

**Twenty-five year pins** include, from the Far South Region of CHS, Bradford W. Henderson and from the Mid East Region, Laura K. Henderson.

The South East Region members honored include Lawson L. Lamar, Scott Henderson Sikes, and Karen Fuson Buchsbaum.

Contratulations to South Pacific Region awardees, Andrew W. Henderson, Dennis N. Henderson and Rebecca S. Bunnell.

Pauletta Gain from the South West Region has her quarter century pin, too!

**Fifteen Year Pins** include Shirley Henderson Buehler from the Far South Region; Harvey Henderson Cox from the Mid South Region; Debra Henderson from the North East Region and Christopher Hicks from the South East Region; as well as T. Warren Henderson from the South West Region!

**Five Year Pins** have been awarded to: Central Region Clan Henderson members, Laura Petry

and Shirley Henderson Williamson.

Far South Region Clan Henderson members John Ray, Diana Armitage, and Laura German are also honored.

Mid East members Ashley Gentry Fendt, Richard P. Preston and Kenneth Neal Henderson have been mailed their own pins, too!

Kevin Henderson and Dick Bacon from the North Pacific CHS Region will be proud wearers of those Five Year Pins, as well.

The South East Region has Dale Henderson, Mark L. Henderson, Bette Henderson Case and Mark A. McEldowney all celebrating five proud years of membership with CHS.

La Nae Henderson from the South Pacific CHS Region is a five year winner too.

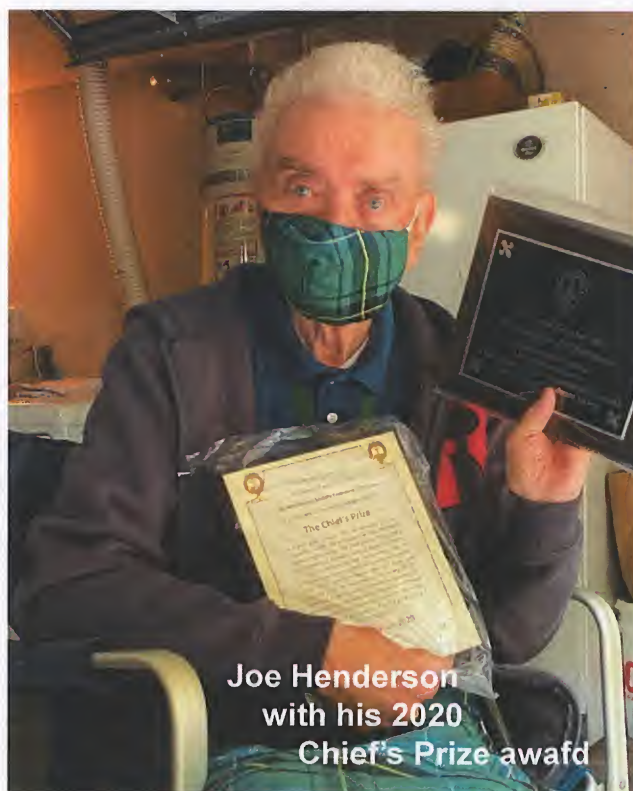
Kay Palmer Marsh from the South West Region has been sent her five year pin.

Sarah Gillmore from the CHS Central Region will soon be wearing her own five year pin to games!

Congratulations to all of the longevity winners of 25-year, 15-year and 5-year pins.



# Joe Henderson is honored with the 2020 CHS Chief's Prize



## Suzanne Henderson Emerson South Pacific Region Commissioner

On November 7, 2020, we were honored to bestow upon Joe Henderson of Long Beach, California the Chief's Prize, the highest award granted by the Clan Henderson Society.

Only one Chief's Prize is granted each year.

Joe served as Regional Commissioner for the Clan Henderson Society in the South Pacific Region for a dozen years, and has been an active member for 25 years.

Joe has been known for visiting games throughout California, Nevada, and Hawaii, and bringing with him "goodies" for the convenors to distribute – Clan Henderson paper fans, bumper stickers, activity booklets, New Member nametags, etc.

His most universally-appreciated "goodies" are the synthetic cottongrass sprigs that he hand-crafted by the dozens, packaged into little envelopes with an explanation of the Clan Plant Badge and a photo of live cottongrass.

He made sure convenors had supplies of these packets available to give to all Clan Henderson members. Very innovative!

Aiden and Danielle Henderson provided pipe



and drum music for the ceremony. Christian Henderson served as Bodyguard.

Present to celebrate the occasion were Joe and Joyce Henderson; Joe's sisters and brother-in-law; John and Sherrilyn McKendry; CHS CA Bodyguard Christian Henderson, Danielle, Aiden & Alec; CHS South Pacific RC Suzanne H. Emerson, Jeff, Katherine & Jessica Emerson; and a few friends of the family.



## More new CHS members,

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The Mid South Region of CHS puts out the welcome mat for Rodney Henderson of Kimberly, Alabama; William Henderson of Wetumpka, Alabama and Mildred Morgan of Walker, Louisiana.

The North East Region says, "Howdy and glad to have you!" to Nikki L. Gardner of Williamsburg, Maine; and Steve Holbrook of Syracuse, New York.

Jeffrey Henderson of Snoqualmie, Washington is a happy new member of the North Pacific Region of CHS.

Oceana Region of CHS welcomes Murray Henderson of Singleton, WA, Australia!

Our South East Region and all of CHS is delighted to call Edward Burns of Seminole, Florida, among their newest members!

Joining Burns is Jean Cox of Alachua, Florida; Tom Fortner of Advance, North Carolina; Annaliese Henderson of Hinesville, Georgia; Charles Eugene Henderson of Largo, Florida; Holly D. Henderson of Ladson, South Carolina; Lance Henderson of Columbia, Georgia and Warren Henderson of Mint Hill, North Carolina.

Ronald J. Freeman of Rancho Cucamonga, California joins our South Pacific Region. Ronald J. Henderson from Stockton, California is a new South Pacific Region member, too!

Chris Rodrigues of Colorado Springs, Colorado is the brand new member this time for the South West CHS Region.

Ceud Mile Failte (*Ke-ewed Meely Failchee in the Gaelic pronunciation*) - 100,000 welcomes to everyone!

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## Scottish Wildcat kitten rescue,

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like a miniature tiger. We guarantee he will make you smile. Look at the size of his paws and claws already.

We can't do this work without you so if you want to adopt a Scottish wildcat for yourself or as a gift for someone else this Christmas, then please visit: <<https://www.wildcathaven.com/wildcat-adoption/adopt-a-scottish-wildcat>>

Many thanks from a very excited Wildcat Haven team.



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**RESOLUTION  
TO AUTHORIZE THE CREATION AND OPERATION OF  
THE FORDELL FOUNDATION  
AND  
REPEAL A CERTAIN RESOLUTION APPROVED AT THE  
ANNUAL GENERAL  
MEETING IN LIGONIER, PENNSYLVANIA,  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2019**

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**Vincent C. Henderson, II Vice President - General Counsel**

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WHEREAS the Executive Board was authorized by the membership of the Society at the 2019 Annual General Meeting to establish the Clan Henderson Society Foundation and provide for the governance of the Foundation; and

WHEREAS, after further research and study along with consultation with other clan society foundations, it has been determined that the Executive Board needs greater authority to better establish and provide for the management and governance of the Foundation; and

WHEREAS, in consultation with the Chief of the Name and Arms of Henderson, Alistair Henderson of Fordell, it has been determined that the name of the Foundation should be changed,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Executive Board of the Clan Henderson Society is authorized to establish the Fordell Foundation for the purpose of receiving, investing, and managing funds and other property, real or personal, donated to the foundation and to disburse funds and other property, real and personal, from the foundation for the purpose of supporting teaching and perpetuating Scottish Arts, Culture, and Athletics, including, but not limited to awarding scholarships and grants to performing artists and organizations, including musicians and musical organizations, pipers, pipe bands, singers, highland dancers and dancing schools, and other artists and artistic organizations; athletes and athletic organizations; and other similar individuals and organizations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

The original bylaws of the Foundation shall be written and approved by the Executive Board of the Society. The foundation is to be managed by a board or committee appointed as provided in the bylaws of the Fordell Foundation. The organization and structure of the Fordell Foundation shall be established in the bylaws of the foundation. The bylaws shall provide for policies for the responsible management and control of the foundation and its assets and property as provided by law, including, but not limited to, policies concerning self-dealing and conflicts of interest and whistleblower protection. The bylaws shall provide that the foundation shall be a nonprofit organization and a charitable organization under state law and the federal Internal Revenue Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

The Executive Board is authorized and empowered to take any action and do any and all things necessary for the creation, organization, and management of the foundation pursuant to the purposes set out in this resolution and as required by state and federal law.

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# AGM Report 2020 Genealogy/DNA

LaRhee Henderson

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**1. Members requests** through the CHS web site. In 2020 we received and responded to **44 requests** since last report in July.

**2. Tree Building:** Jim Henderson coordinates our trees on Geni. We have 48326 Henderson individual's profiles on Geni.

b. Other trees (about 650) are on Ancestry. Also here are about 50 that have been built or updated in 2020. We continue our efforts to copy trees from Ancestry into Geni.

c. We receive questions from others researching in these 2 sites. In 2020, Geni had 30 correspondences and Ancestry had 39 from July '19 to Sept 2020. These range from a simple correction to resolving conflicts between two trees to building new trees.

**3. Facebook:** a. Public Facebook genealogy page-This site carries items of general interest like DNA testing sales, genealogy resources, etc.). It has 340 followers. There were 48 people reached and 6 people viewed our posts on Sept 26, for example. These numbers vary widely since I don't

post something every day.

b. CHS members Facebook Genealogy Group has 357 activemembers; There were 14 posts in Sept with 78 comments and 69 reactions. (Private genealogy group allows more specific questions/answers where other members share answers, suggestions that include but are not limited to the CHS genealogy team.)

**4. Communications** (Making our work more visible) a. Presentations- I've made 2 genealogy presentations. One to my local Scottish Heritage Society, the other to this year's AGM Zoom meeting.

b. New Members: Mark Henderson has begun sending me lists of new members to whom I send welcome notes and explain the genealogy/DNA activities that we offer.

c. I helped plan the genealogy aspects of the 'Henderson Gathering' that was cancelled due to Covid concerns. These would have included Family History displays and a genealogy workshop.

**5. Genetic analysis.** a. **Ron Henderson is our specialist in autosomal DNA interpretation.** Autosomal DNA includes DNA fragments from all ancestors, male and female. In this way, Ron helps individuals outside the direct male Henderson line use siblings' and cousins' DNA networks to find their Henderson ancestry.

**b. David Henderson administers the**

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

This Society resolution supersedes and repeals the Society resolution approved by the Executive Board meeting in Ligonier, Pennsylvania, September 13, 2019, and approved at the Annual General Meeting of the Society held in Ligonier, Pennsylvania, September 14, 2019.

Approved by the Executive Board meeting online in Southport, North Carolina, October 17, 2020, and Approved at the Annual General Meeting of the Society held online in Southport, North Carolina, October 24, 2020.

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President Date

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Secretary Date



# Clan Henderson Genealogy needs your help!

*We have a couple new initiatives in addition  
to our ongoing work for your consideration.*

You can help existing work (no set skills required -we train!):

Conduct traditional genealogy research.  
Help to build trees online and/or search local libraries/societies.

Transfer Ancestry trees into Geni.

Answer questions posted to Ancestry/Geni

Seek out and verify existing trees that lead back to Scotland/Ireland

Assist interpreting Y DNA or Autosomal DNA

Explore possible mapping of genetic groups to origins in Scotland/Ireland

Now, Here are two NEW INITIATIVES:

1. DNA AND DINNER: Hendersons whose ancestors lived in a certain common region (e.g. Fife, Colonial Virginia, Northern Ireland, etc.) could gather via Zoom, exchange information on their family stories, share history of that place and virtually share a meal typical of that time/place. For example, Cullen skink (fish stew) in Fife, meat pie in Virginia, pepper pot in Pennsylvania, etc. We would provide recipes then each household (a family or group of local families) would prepare their meal. During the meal, a ZOOM coordinator would talk about the meal (similar to Chef's meal presentations "I have prepared for you....") and food traditions in that area. After the meal, local participants would share their family's story and review the meal that they've shared (virtually, of course). I'm looking for meal participants, recipe researchers. And ZOOM coordinators.

2. REVEALING FAMILY SECRETS PROGRAMS: Wouldn't it be great to know more about you ancestors' lives beyond their names on a list? This program is an attempt to help in that quest. This idea is modeled after a Brit Box series "My Family Secrets Revealed". They ask: "Was your ancestor in a famous battle? -Present

at an historic event? -Involved in a scandal? -Related to X? These are questions that we'd like to ask in our own trees! I'm proposing that our genealogy/family history team invite such questions from CHS members, select some for research, then present our findings via a periodic Zoom meeting. Here's an example from my family research. Upon his death, my Grandfather Henry Henderson, left a small wooden box to my aunt. It was said that as a child, he picked it up from some ruins following the Chicago fire. My question: Where did my Henderson family live relative to the burn area of the fire? What was it like living there before/during/after the fire? For this project I'm looking for Hendersons with family stories or historical context questions, historians and genealogists to build those connections and hosts to present the stories on a Zoom meeting.

PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING OUR TEAM!  
Whether you like building/validating trees, genetics, mapping, cooking, story-telling, or history.....we need your help! Contact me!  
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UPDATE ON OUR NEW DNA AND DINNER PROGRAM! We have scheduled out first 3 Dinners! (These are shared dinner experiences via ZOOM in which you prepare/review traditional recipes that we provide and share stories of your ancestors of that region.)

\*The potential menu items listed below are still in development as I receive your feedback and new cookbooks!

Please contact me to join, start a new one, or ask questions: [larhee.henderson@drake.edu](mailto:larhee.henderson@drake.edu)

Nova Scotia Immigrants' Descendants. Jan 21  
Their diet was abundant with seafood, simple garden preserves, and hearty dishes loaded with root vegetables. Read a story: <https://www.canadashistory.ca/explore/arts,-culture-society/>

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## DNA & Dinner Program,

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early-fusion-in-pictou

Potential menu items: a haddock dish (ex finnan haddie), rappie pie (potatoes, a meat, onions), hodge podge (vegetable stew), oat cakes, clapshot (turnips and potatoes), blueberry grunt.

Scotland Lowlands Immigrants' Descendants. Jan, Exact Date TBA. Scotland's natural abundance of game, dairy products, fish, fruit, and vegetables is the chief factor in traditional Scottish cooking, with a high reliance on simplicity and minimal seasoning. <<https://www.thespruceeats.com/the-food-and-cooking-of-scotland-435486>>

Potential menu items: Soup: cullin skink or cock a leekie; Main: Arbroath smokies or steak balmoral; Sides: butteries, rumbledethumps; Dessert: cranachan, Dundee cake or cloutie dumpling.

Colonial Virginia Immigrants' Descendants. Feb, Exact Date TBA; Colonial Virginia inhabitants sowed the roots for Southern cuisine. Iconic Southern dishes like cornbread and gumbo were borrowed directly from the Indians and Africans, respectively. English settlers brought with them knowledge of curing ham, but they borrowed from the Indians a distinctive style that evolved into the Virginia hams. <<https://blog.virginia.org/2017/08/food-virginias-culinary-heritage/>>

Potential menu items: Soup: peanut or squash; Main: ham or deep meat pie or Brunswick stew; Sides: spoon bread or cornbread, cabbage, Dessert: apple pan dowdy, or chess pie



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**Henderson Surname Project on Family Tree DNA.** Through David's efforts we have 71 Henderson groups. Most of these groups have a common ancestor within 12 generations.

c. Using the combined information from all of the above, we continue to map the Henderson groups. This involves

i. Origene-style analysis of surnames: Combine information from DNA matches identified in the Surname Project with corresponding geographic information in the 1841 Census

ii. Confirmed Genealogy Trees: We attempt to

find trees in each group that extend back into Scotland and Ireland that can be verified with solid evidences.

iii. DNA of Living Hendersons in Scotland/Ireland: We attempt to locate living Hendersons in Scotland/Ireland who know their family origins there and who have had (or consent to have) DNA analysis.

When at least 2 of these three confirm each other, we take it as evidence that Hendersons in that group originated from that geographic location.

Using this process, we have mapped 18 groups.



# The Kirkin' o' the Tartan, a bit of history

C. Fred Sanford,  
CHS Chaplain and Counsellor to the Chief, FSA Scot

At our recent ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (virtual as it was) we included the ceremony known as The Kirkin' o' the Tartans. But how does one perform this on ZOOM, virtual and not in a church setting?

The ceremony itself began as a clandestine event in Scotland when in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century Scots were forbidden to display their clan tartans. So the villagers had their tartan cloths dedicated annually in church by hiding the cloth from public view. The tradition of that annual dedication was revived in America in 1941 by Peter Marshall, a

tian worship standards between Scotland and the rest of Great Britain in the years 1638 to 1646.

King Charles I was on the throne, following the popular King James—who authorized the translation of the *Bible* in 1611.

However, it was not a peaceful time in Britain when it came to worship because most people of England were used to Anglican forms of worship and even loyalty to Roman Catholicism. So, the King, who learned and accepted the Scottish brand of faith, had to bridge the gap between Presbyterian church government and Episcopalianism.



On the way to the Kirkin' o' the Tartans at Glasgow, KY, Highland Games 2018 (With a Henderson piper!)

Scot and a Presbyterian minister.

The point here is that it took a great deal of the virtue of COURAGE for the Scots to show their national patriotism by this act. But another act of courage was shown by the Kirk ministers of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century, led by our ancestor The Rev. Alexander Henderson of Fordell, to unify the Chris-

As an aside here: a full hundred years before this, in the 1500s, the Reformer John Knox brought to Scotland an anti-Roman Catholic system of belief, so tensions were present leading up to Henderson's time.

So, Alexander Henderson was not afraid

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"FREE HAMMOCKS, all over town. It's like a miracle!"



### The Kirkin' o' the Tartan, a bit of history, *continued from page 24*

to meddle in British politics. He was trusted by King Charles and his own Scottish people—until he objected to the English prayer book. Then he began to associate with the Presbyterian activists, called Covenanters, who wished to pressure the King into respecting Scottish grievances. He was so convinced that everyone would join his endeavor that he and other ministers drew up a document in 1638 which became known as the "National Covenant." This document was shown to all and taken to London declaring how important this matter was to the Scots; surely the British royalty and English people would agree. Over the next six years the document was renamed the SOLEMN League and Covenant, using the word "solemn" which Henderson wanted to use in order to show the seriousness of the issue. Well, Henderson and his entourage in London were certain that the document would at last unify the elements of Christian worship for all of Great Britain and perhaps even result in Britain becoming a true Christian nation!

Unfortunately, the solemnity of the project was lost and the English people had now come to distrust both the king and the intent of the Covenant. Henderson's cause was doomed. It hurt him so badly that he blamed himself for the failure

and he returned to Scotland dying within weeks.

We should have no trouble applying the meaning of our Clan Motto to the life and work of Alexander Henderson. "Only virtue can result in a noble life."

What is virtue?

Simply stated it is one's personal intent to avoid what is reckless or destructive to one's self or to others or to nature and to practice a life of love and justice, fidelity, temperance, generosity, gratitude, humility, simplicity, purity, solemnity, and courage.

Courage is what Alexander Henderson attempted to show himself and his country what is noble. It comes out of virtue and is congruent with the life of Christ and the words of St. Paul.

And so, whenever we dedicate ourselves and our clans and tartan colors in a church ceremony, we can also remember the nobility of Alexander Henderson and the virtue of courage he displayed in his life and work.

May we all hope that the governments and citizens of the world will someday live by the faith that will lead to justice and peace in the world.

Sola Virtus Nobilitat!

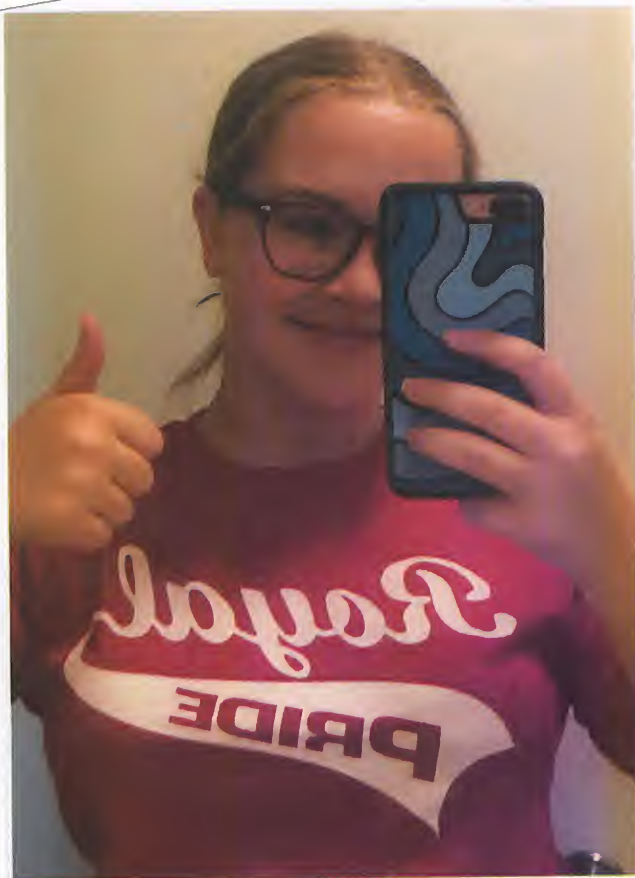


# “The Heritage of our Henderson Family Members”

Steve Henderson, VP Ops

Steve Henderson, CHS Vice President of Operations sent these photos of his very beautiful granddaughter.

On the Clan Henderson Website, <[clanhendersonsociety.org](http://clanhendersonsociety.org)> you may see the ethnicity of his granddaughter, Hannah Jane Henderson's, family from great grandfathers and great grandmothers all the way to her mother and father.



It is very interesting to read about all of the people who came from all over the world to create this lovely young woman.





# Order of the Chief

\* **LaRhee Henderson** - For continued service to the Clan Henderson as Vice President of the Genealogy Program and development of the DNA in the Program.

\* **Mark Henderson** - For exceptional continued service and contributions as VP, Members, efforts in raising funds for the Henderson Youth Scholarship and developing the Henderson Society ByLaws.

\* **Mary-Lane Henderson** - In appreciation of duties as Southeast Commissioner, leading the Henderson Scholarship Program and continued service to the Society.

\* **Ron Henderson** - In appreciation of service in improving the Clan Henderson Society communications.

\* **Vince Henderson** - In appreciation of duties as VP and General Counsel for the Clan Henderson Society and in developing the ByLaws and the Constitution.



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# Order of the Chief

\* **Nels Henderson** - For valuable service through the Henderson Clan Archive Project and contributions to the Henderson Genealogy.

\* **Meri Lawler** - For her valuable contributions to the Clan Henderson Society Website and development of electronic fundraising efforts.

\* **Louis Russell** - For valuable service and representation of the Society in corporate outreach and development of the Society's Strategic Plan.

\* **Mary Henderson** - for valuable service and contributions to *An Canach* through written and engaging material for the members of the Henderson Society.

# With Distinction

\* **Sarah Hobday** - In appreciation of continued service to the Clan Henderson Society and assistance in raising funds for the Henderson Society Youth Scholarship Program.

\* **Charm Russell** - In appreciation of duties as Regional Commissioner, for development of the Clan Henderson Society Website, and contributions to the Henderson Genealogy Program.

\* **Bryan Simpson** - In appreciation of duties and continued service as Director of Athletics for the Clan Henderson Society.

\* **Tom Hendricks** - For continued service in the Far South Region and involvement in the Oklahoma Highlanders Pipes and Drums.

\* **Laurel Smith and Jim Smith** - Stepped in on short notice and convened and/or represented Clan Henderson in many activities. Most recently, they have signed up to convene at least four annual events in the State of New York. Their enthusiasm and dedication reflects positively on them and the Society.

\* **Laura German** - For her great service to the Henderson Tent at Scottish Games and a member of the Highlanders Pipes and Drums.

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*Clan Henderson's Website!*  
**<clanhendersonsociety.org>**



Our new Webmaster, Charm Henderson Russell, says, "We feature the list of games, your area commissioners, how to apply for genealogy, member of the month and weekly news of Scotland. We have new pages for Scotland, Aussie Branch, and Canada as well as lots of history movies.

"Take a look yourself and maybe you'll get more ideas."



# Talking Points



Vincent C. Henderson, II Vice President - General Counsel

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Over the last 10 years, however, because of the challenges of the growth and development of the Society and the law and the goals as an organization we want to achieve, the Constitution and Bylaws have not kept up.

The theories behind the proposed Bylaws are to: Modernize the structure of the bylaws, simplifying them where possible

Modernize the structure of the society

Give greater responsibility, agility, flexibility, and accountability to the Executive Board on behalf of the members of the Society

Include legally required language in the Bylaws

To do these things, the Bylaws have been drafted to

- Reduce size of Executive Board by allowing appointed officers to do their thing instead of burdening them with having to be involved with general corporate decision-making

- Set term limits for president

- Allow more members to be active in a greater variety of society activities, programs, and functions

- Remove programs and specific functions and the committees that support them out of the bylaws so that the Executive Board can better modify and adjust the membership, management, and operation of these programs and functions

- Putting in place certain corporate accountability and management committees that the society needs and has never had: audit committee; fi-

nance committee; fundraising and development committee; and program oversight committee

- Should not need to amend the bylaws as often as we have had to or tried to

- As a result of some changes in federal law, the proposed Bylaws include some additional language that the

present Constitution and Bylaws should include but do not. These are legally required good corporate government provisions: conflicts of interest and whistleblower protections.

The proposed Bylaws are intended to be the organic document for the Clan Henderson Society, Inc., as a nonprofit corporation. Because of this, several provisions in the present Constitution and Bylaws and many of the suggested changes to them are not included in the proposed Bylaws as they are more typically corporate policies implementing the goals, objectives, and purposes of the Society. Consequently, they are to be considered for approval as corporate resolutions. This method will give the Executive Board greater flexibility to modify, amend, and adjust the resolutions to better manage these programs and activities.





# Clan Henderson Society Constitution and Bylaws

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are more compatible as corporate resolutions than as bylaws, and as a result may be more easily modified, amended, and adjusted.

In addition, as a result of some changes in federal law, the proposed Bylaws include some additional language that the present Constitution and Bylaws should include but do not.

The drafts of the proposed Bylaws have been reviewed, discussed, and modified several times by an ad hoc committee of the Executive Board.

Some of the main changes made by the proposed Bylaws include the following: For some reason, the Society's bylaws were drafted in two separate documents, the Constitution and the Bylaws. By and large, the provisions of the present Constitution have been substantially duplicated in the present Bylaws. To the extent necessary and useful, the provisions in our present Constitution and our present Bylaws have been combined into

the provisions of the proposed Bylaws. For example Article I of the Constitution concerning the official name and location of the organization and Bylaw I of the present Bylaws essentially duplicating the official name of the Society have been merged and incorporated into Article I of the proposed Bylaws.

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This type of change taking duplicative provisions in both the present Constitution and in the present Bylaws has been executed manifold times throughout the proposed Bylaws.

Present Bylaw I has several paragraphs recounting the history of the Society. Interesting and valuable as this information is, it has no real place in the Society's Bylaws. This information has been incorporated into a corporate resolution for consideration by the Executive Board.

Proposed Article II, Policy and Operations, and Article III, Objective and Purposes, now cover those same matters in present Bylaws II and III, also which are duplicative of similar provisions in the present Constitution.

Proposed Article IV, General Form of Organization, § 1 the Society Generally, reflecting the changes in the Society, incorporates, in part, present Bylaw IV concerning geographical area of the Society. The Society is now larger and better organized internationally.

Proposed Article IV, § 2 the Executive Board, substantially includes provisions that may be found in present Bylaw VI, in part.

Proposed Article V, Officers, sets out more clearly the three classifications of Society officers: elected; commissioned; and appointed. A substantial change between the present Bylaws and the Proposed Bylaws is in § 3 concerning the election of officers. For the first time, the President of the Society will be limited to two consecutive terms. Before he or she may hold that office again he or she must sit out for at least one presidential term.

In § 1, officers are limited in the number of

appointed or commissioned offices he or she may hold at the same time.

Proposed Article VI, Duties of Elected and Commissioned Officers, reorganizes, clarifies, and better details the duties of the elected and commissioned officers that are included in present Bylaw VI.

Proposed Article VII, Members, more clearly sets out the various aspects of membership in the Society and incorporates many of the provisions presently in Bylaw V. It simplifies the types of membership and reduces them to three: active, passive, and honorary. The new article sets out minimum requirements for retaining membership and the privileges of the various types of membership.

Proposed Article VIII, Fiscal and Financial Matters, incorporates provisions from present Bylaw VII, in part, and more clearly delineates the manner in which Society funds and other assets are handled and managed. It also expressly establishes the calendar year as the fiscal year for the Society, unless the Executive Board should decide to change it.

Proposed Article IX, Meetings, more clearly sets out the provisions applicable to annual general meetings of members, special meetings of members, and executive board meetings. It more clearly establishes the quorum and voting requirements for each type of meeting. Present Bylaw VIII Meetings has been confusing, inaccurate, incomplete, and sometimes unworkable.

Proposed Article X, Committees, completely reorganizes the committee structure and philosophy of the Society. While some aspects of present



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Bylaw IX are incorporated into this article, most of this proposed article is substantially new. This article is one of the most important changes from our present bylaws. It establishes four standing committees of the Executive Board, committees the Society has never had: audit committee; finance committee; fundraising and development committee; and program oversight committee. The importance of this restructuring cannot be overemphasized. Other committees, such as Awards Committee and Scholarships Committee, and program committees, are authorized to be created by the Executive Board by corporate resolution. Furthermore, this will allow the Board to bring in members with interests in the various programs and projects of the Society rather than rely almost exclusively on board members to populate these types of committees. These committee members can bring their expertise and enthusiasm to the efforts of these Society committees. It will also give the Society a larger pool of potential leaders for eventually taking over the various leadership positions in the Society.

Proposed Article X, Conflicts of Interest and Article XI Internal Complaints, are required by federal law. The conflicts of interest article is self-explanatory, while the internal complaints article is a whistleblower protection provision. There is an attachment, Exhibit A, which is a form referred to in Article X, § 7b, and each officer is required to complete the form each year and file it with the Society Secretary.

Finally, proposed Article XIII, Adoption of these Bylaws and of Amendments, sets out the requirements for approval of the proposed bylaws and the procedure for amending them.

## CLAN HENDERSON SOCIETY FOUNDATION

At last year's AGM in Ligonier, Pennsylvania, the Society adopted a resolution authorizing the Executive Board to create a foundation named the Clan Henderson Society Foundation. The purpose of the foundation was, and is, to receive donations and assets to support programs the Society wants to encourage and promote. In that way dues and incidental income in support of the Society can be used to support the Society itself rather than have the Society have to use those revenues to support the various programs the Society wants to encourage and promote.

However, after reviewing the law and other clan societies' foundations we have determined that last years' resolution needs substantial revision. Rather than try to amend the Ligonier resolution, another resolution to replace it has been prepared. Its purpose is to allow the Executive Board greater flexibility in the creation and management of the foundation in line with the manner in which other societies create and manage their related foundations.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD RESOLUTIONS

As previously mentioned, several Executive Board resolutions have been prepared for consideration by the Executive Board, subject to the adoption and ratification of the proposed Bylaws. While these do not require approval by the Society members, they have been put on the Society website for review by the members. They cover the following subjects:

- Appointed Officials - Awards - Badges and Symbols - Emeritus Honors
- Heritage and History - Regional Commissioner Organization - Scholarships
- Special Observances





# CHS member, Andrew Henderson, is an artist! You can see his work here and on the back page of this publication!

Clan Henderson member Andrew Henderson is an airline pilot and an artist.

His excitement for photography started in high school classes and continued over the years through contests and exhibitions. Recently, his enthusiasm to learn painting began by copying Bob Ross and has expanded to acrylic works using his own photography for reference.

Andrew intends to convey a sense of peace through his artwork by incorporating vibrant colors, repeating patterns, and interesting forms.

In his spare time you will find him taking long walks on the bike trails around his home with his dog Cooper, his one year old son Findley, and most importantly his wife, Laura, whose loving support makes his art possible.

Check out his work: <https://www.andrewstuarthendersonart.com>



**HAPPY** *Wedding*  
**54<sup>TH</sup>** *Anniversary*  
*last September*

to Clan Henderson Society members

**Dottie and Lee  
Henderson!**

*Wishing you many, many more!*



# The answers to lots of questions from Leon Hicks

Below is a link to videos about the Fordell Castle (composed by Suzanne Emerson) and stories told by Allen Henderson, RC of the UK, about the Henderson Stone at Glencoe. This link resides on our website. Please visit the website often to stay informed.

During a recent survey of members, the question was asked "why is the CHS so North Carolina centric?" I confess the question came as a bit of a surprise, but it occurs to me that there is a lot about the history of the Society that is unknown. We are working on a complete history that we hope to be available soon, but the short answer is as follows.

In September 1986, David S. Henderson, an attorney from New Bern, NC, contacted Dr. John William Phillip Henderson of Queensland Australia, who was recognized as the Chief of the Name and Arms of Henderson, to officially form the Clan Henderson Society. The permission was granted. The first official gathering occurred in 1988 at the Highland Games and Festival at Grandfather Mountain, NC. David S. Henderson, being an attorney in North Carolina, filed the necessary paperwork to establish a 501C3 not-for-profit corporation through the State of North Carolina. We are officially Clan Henderson Society, Inc. The offi-

cial offices were established at his office in New Bern for all official correspondence from the State and/or IRS. More recently, this official office for official communications has been moved to Southport, NC due to the fact that David S Henderson has retired from Society Operations, and the President of the Society (yours truly) lives in Southport.

Quite by accident, as it turns out, there are more Scottish surnames in North Carolina than any other state due to the early migration patterns of Highland Scots to the Cape Fear Region and Scot Irish from Northern Ireland to the piedmont and mountain regions of the state. Many of these earliest migrants were Hendersons.

I hope you enjoy the videos, and that the above explains why our society is officially based in North Carolina.

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Use the above URL for Fordell...  
and the one below for storytelling.

<<https://www.clanhendersonsociety.com>>





# The President's Annual Report



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Leon Hicks, President, Clan Henderson Society, Inc.

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Overall, it has been a busy year with several new projects being kicked-off in addition to those that have been underway for some time.

Key among them is establishing the Fordell Foundation. We are in the final stages of developing the Constitution and ByLaws.

The History Project is moving forward on three fronts: The Clan Henderson Society History Project, led by Dottie Henderson is making great progress. The Family History Project is moving forward - being led by Steve Henderson, Vice President of Operations. The Notable Hendersons History Project has yet to be formally kicked-off. We have several persons who will be contributors but no leader for the project has been identified.

The Genealogy Team, led by VP of Genealogy/DNA, LaRhee Henderson, continues to provide this valuable service to our society in a timely and efficient manner.

The Athletic Program, under Bryan Simpson, has made great progress - the pandemic and greatly reduced numbers of opportunities to participate this year has effected this program. The overall level of communication and interaction among athletes has been great.

The Quartermaster activity still needs some time to get rolling. Chris Story has made several attempts to collect the type of information necessary but this effort will require more support from the CHS Leadership Team to become fully effective.

The Corporate Outreach Team, led by Louis Russell, has made excellent progress.

The Strategic Plan initiative for the Clan Henderson Society, also led by Louis Russell, is also making great progress. We anticipate a final product from that team soon.

This year, the society has "gone virtual." Many of our activities (to include the AGM) were conducted online using virtual meeting applications.

The Scholarship Committee - led by Mary Lane Henderson - did a great job this year identifying and disseminating CHS scholarship awards.

Membership is down significantly this year. The reduction in memberships will have a corresponding impact on several of our programs depending on operational funds. Next year's budget will be reflecting the fiscal realities of the situation.

Eric Erickson has done an excellent job leading the Award Committee's efforts - thank you to Eric and all the members of

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## St. Andrew's Day

- Saint Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland
- St. Andrew, one of Christ's twelve apostles, is the patron saint of Scotland. Some of his bones are said to have been brought to what is now St. Andrews in Fife during the 4th century. Since medieval times the X-shaped saltire cross upon which St. Andrew was supposedly crucified has been the Scottish national symbol

In 2020, St. Andrew's Day was on November 30.



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that team.

Matthew Elder, III was appointed the new Regional Commissioner for the Great Lakes Region. Doug Henderson is now Counselor Emeritus for the Great Lakes Region.

Joe Henderson, Counselor Emeritus for the South Pacific Region, has been awarded the Chief's Prize for 2020.

Last year's AGM was a great success. Thank you to Mike and Joan Henderson for a great effort.

Don't throw away the old bucket until you are sure the new one holds water!

Old Scottish Proverb





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